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NATIONAL ADOLESCENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated Adolescent and Reproductive Sexual Health Programme as part of the National Adolescent Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the mechanism being followed by the Government to implement the programme in educational institutions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c): The Govt. has approved a National Strategy for Adolescent Reproductive Sexual Health as part of Reproductive and Child Health Phase-II Programme which commenced in April, 2005.

The Strategy highlights the need to create awareness and a supportive environment for improving health seeking behavior of adolescents. It focuses on an awareness generation communication programme and a service delivery mechanism for providing Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Services through the existing public health system.

The National RCH-II Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Strategy has been adopted in almost all State RCH-II Programme Implementation Plans. The States have been provided funds to implement the approved State specific components, on Adolescent Health.

The National Curriculum Framework 2005 for School Education explicitly highlights the need for integrating age appropriate adolescent reproductive and sexual health, including HIV/AIDS messages into the school curriculum.